Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in Jharkhand

*255. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the scheme for road connectivity between the rural areas and the highways under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana is being implemented in the State of Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details of implementation of the schemes so far and targets fixed for the tenth Five Year Plan period;

(c) the details of the major bottlenecks identified; and

(d) the steps contemplated to overcome the same?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of roadworks to be taken up are decided annually from year to year. Details of implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the the last 3 years in Jharkhand, so far, are as follows:

	2000-2001 (Phase-I)	2001-2002 & 2002-2003 (Phase-II)
Value of proposals cleared (Rs. in crore)	105.92	230.26
Amount released (Rs. in crore)	110.05	120.00
No. of roads works cleared	168	202
No. of road works completed upto June, 2003	79	1
Expenditure incurred up to June, 2003 (Rs. in crore)	105.12	64.35

(c) In the last PMGSY Regional Review meeting held on 29-30th May 2003 at Bhubaneswar where the progress of works in the State of Jharkhand was reviewed, the major bottlenecks identified in timely execution of the roadworks with requisite quality were:

(i) The slow pace of ongoing roadworks cleared, due to management deficiencies.

(ii) Non-finalisation of the Core Network for the various districts of the State.

(iii) Delay in preparation of proposals for roadworks for the year 2003-04 and submission for scrutiny to the State Technical Agency.

(iv) Need for training of the Field Engineers in the proper technique of road design and construction.

(d) Officials of the Ministry of Rural Development twice visited Jharkhand during 2003 to take stock. A meeting was also held between Minister (Rural Development) and Chief Minister, Jharkhand, in Delhi on 25.6.2003. In order to reduce delays in commencement and to ensure timely completion of road works, the State Government was advised to:

(i) Complete the on-going road works sanctioned for 2000-01 on priority and wherever necessary, submit revised estimates of such road works for consideration of the Ministry at the earliest.

(ii) Operationalise the second tier of the quality control mechanism along with necessary infrastructure like field laboratories and post staff wherever necessary.

(iii) Establish without delay the State level autonomous body as required under PMGSY guidelines.

(iv) Update data for the Online Monitoring and Management System (OMMS) established for PMGSY.

(v) Prepare Detailed Project Reports for new road works since the state has been selected for world bank funding.

Power projects under APDRP in Andhra Pradesh

*256. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned some projects to the State of Andhra Pradesh under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme;

(b) if so, the number of projects sanctioned for Tirupati circle; and

(c) the details of mandals included in Tirupati circle?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) Yes, Sir.